A Visit to the Crib

Let us become little with the Little One, that we may grow in stature with Him.

"Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not."—Jeremiah XLV, 5.

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IN the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, brought by Thy love to the lowliness of childhood and to the poverty of the manger, we worship Thee. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Glory be to the Father.

Our Father.

JESUS, Who didst come down from Heaven for our salvation, and taking upon Thee the form of a servant, didst set us an example of true humility,

Have mercy on us.

JESUS, born in Bethlehem of Mary, ever Virgin, wrapped in swaddling clothes, laid in the manger, announced by angels, visited by shepherds,

Have mercy on us.

JESUS, called by Thy glorious name of Jesus, and at once by Thy Name foreshown as the Saviour of the world,

Have mercy on us.

JESUS, made known to the Wise Men by a star, adored in the arms of Thy Mother, presented with the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

Have mercy on us.

JESUS, presented in the Temple by Thy Virgin Mother, embraced by Simeon, and loved by Anna,

Have mercy on us.

JESUS, Whom wicked Herod sought to slay, but Who wast preserved from death and glorified by the blood of the Holy Innocents,

Have mercy on us.

JESUS, Who went into Egypt, and then returned to dwell in Nazareth, enduring many hardships by the way,

Have mercy on us.

JESUS, Who in Thy home at Nazareth subject to Mary and Joseph, set us an example of obedience,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Child Jesus, hear us.

Holy Child Jesus, bless ✠ us.

Holy Child Jesus, grant our prayers.

V. The Word was made Flesh. Alleluia.

R. **And dwelt among us. Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, Lord of Heaven and earth, Who dost reveal Thyself to children, grant, we beseech Thee, that, honoring Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and day by day growing more like Him, we may come to the Kingdom of Heaven, promised to those who become as little children, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MAY the Holy Child Jesus bless ✠ and keep us. **Amen.**

THREE CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

O GOD, who hast caused this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the Light of life: grant, we beseech thee, that as we have known the revelation of his light upon earth, so we may attain the fruition of his joys in heaven. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

—*Ancient Collect for the Midnight Mass.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that, as thou hast poured forth upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; so he, who doth illuminate our hearts by faith, may likewise in all our works show forth his brightness. Through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. **Amen.**

—*Collect for the Dawn Mass.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that the new birth in the flesh of thine only-begotten Son may deliver us; who are held fast in the old bondage under the yoke of sin. Through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. **Amen.**

—*Ancient Collect for Christmas Day.*

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